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SUBJECT: ACCREDITATION OF AMBASSADOR GABRIEL LEWIS AS
PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

REFERENCE: PANAMA 3093

1. AMBASSADOR LEWIS PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE
PRESIDENT AT 2:30 P.M. ON MAY 16. NEITHER LEWIS' REMARKS
TO THE PRESIDENT NOR THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY WAS RELEASED TO
THE PRESS. THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE MR. AMBASSADOR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROUS REMARKS. IT IS A PLEASURE TO ACCEPT YOUR LETTERS
OF CREDENCE, AND TO WELCOME YOU AS THE AMBASSADOR OF THE RE-
PUBLIC OF PANAMA.

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THE CANAL PROBLEM WAS ONE OF THE FIRST SUBJECTS MY AD-
MINISTRATION ADDRESSED. IN FEBRUARY I SENT AMBASSADORS
BUNKER AND LINOWITZ TO PANAMA TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS
AHEAD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I KNOW THAT THE TALKS HAVE
CONTINUED SINCE AND THAT THE LATEST ROUND RESUMED LAST WEEK.
I AM PLEASED WITH RECENT PROGRESS.

THIS OCCASION GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT MY ASSESSMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO REITERATE THE THOUGHTS IN MY MARCH LETTER TO GENERAL TORRIJOS.

A NEW TREATY MUST PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. ALSO, THE TREATY SHOULD ACCOMMODATE YOUR ASPIRATIONS AND SERVE OUR NEEDS.

FOR OUR PART, WE NEED AN AGREEMENT THAT GRANTS US THE NECESSARY RIGHTS TO OPERATE, MAINTAIN AND DEFEND THE CANAL DURING THE TREATY PERIOD. IN ADDITION, WE NEED AN ARRANGEMENT THAT PROVIDES REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT THE CANAL WILL REMAIN PERMANENTLY OPEN TO WORLD SHIPPING ON A SECURE AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS.

I HAVE INSTRUCTED AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ, WHO HAVE MY FULLEST CONFIDENCE, TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT A NEW TREATY INCORPORATES THESE PROVISIONS. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS LOOKING FOR REASONABLE SOLUTIONS.

I AM PREPARED TO PRESS FORWARD WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO ACCEPT THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN THIS COUNTRY WHICH THE PRESENTATION OF A FINAL TREATY WILL GENERATE. I HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THE IMPLICATIONS IN THIS REGARD OF DELAY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

I HAVE GONE INTO SOME DETAIL HERE SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW MY PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF A FAIR
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TREATY.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO SEEK COMPROMISES ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO CONCLUDE, RATIFY AND IMPLEMENT A JUST AND FAIR TREATY THAT WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. VANCE

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